

Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

ARTICLE NO. 12

Dated: April 26, 022

I, Carl A. Wagner, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend **Article 12**:

To amend the recommended vote of the Select Board by making the following changes to **Article 12 - BYLAW AMENDMENT/SINGLE USE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE REGULATION - SECTION 2. Definitions** to change the definition of the size of a bottle to be included under the article **to be less than 1 liter**. The current Article includes 1 liter bottles.

So that Section SECTION 2. Definitions reads as follows (additions are underlined and removals are in strikeout):

SECTION 2. Definitions

A. “Single use plastic water bottle”: Any single serving container, whether sold individually or in bulk, containing non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water with a volume of ~~one liter or less~~ **THAN ONE LITER**, that is made in whole or in part of plastic material, excluding the cap, with any designated resin codes 1 through 6.

Comment:

1 liter size is useful, not single use

1 liter bottles are not generally single-use items, are useful for purposes that span activities or days to people visiting our town, such as tourists, or those starting trips from our town like hikers and users of our fitness trails.

Low sales, low waste issues with 1 liter size

Very few 1 liter bottles are observed in roadside waste, or in recycling barrels. In fact the proponents stated that their research shows “the predominant sales (by far) are in 12, 16.9 and 23.7 oz sizes.”

Since these larger bottles are not a large sales item, nor a large waste problem and represent a useful multi-use product, I hope you’ll join me in supporting my Amendment to ban only water bottles smaller than 1 liter.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl A. Wagner, Precinct 15